

EXHIBIT 31

TRIAL DAY 19, AUGUST 24, 2018 P.M. SESSION

WEIRICK, et al. vs. BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, INC., et al.

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

DEPARTMENT NE-P

HON. MARGARET L. OLDENDORF, JUDGE

CAROLYN WEIRICK, ET AL.,

PLAINTIFFS,

VS.

BRENNTAG NORTH AMERICA, INC., ET
AL.,

DEFENDANTS.

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) CASE NO. BC656425

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REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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1 Q AND YOU SELECTED HIM?

2 A YES, SIR, I DID.

3 Q AND HE USED PLM?

4 A THAT'S WHY I HIRED HIM TO DO THAT, TO USE PLM
5 AND XRD. SO I WOULD HOPE HE WOULD DO THAT BECAUSE THAT
6 WAS THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND HE DID DO IT.

7 Q AND HE DIDN'T FIND ANY ASBESTOS IN
8 MS. WEIRICK'S SAMPLE; CORRECT?

9 A NOT USING THE R-93 EPA METHOD OR THE XRD, NO.
10 THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH IT, OF COURSE.

11 Q AND IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT, THAT YOU --
12 MOTION TO STRIKE AFTER "NO."

13 THE COURT: OVERRULED.

14 BY MR. PARKER:

15 Q ISN'T IT TRUE -- WELL, LET ME JUST SAY THIS.
16 IS IT YOUR OPINION THAT IF YOU USE THE PLM
17 METHOD, YOU CANNOT FIND IN MS. WEIRICK'S SAMPLE ANY
18 AMPHIBOLES AT ALL?

19 A THE R-93 METHOD YOU WILL NOT FIND IT, NO.

20 Q ISN'T IT TRUE, SIR, THAT THE REASON YOU DID
21 NOT WANT TO USE THE PLM METHOD IS YOUR RELIANCE ON
22 BLOUNT DESPITE DR. MILLETTE'S ARTICLE OF LEE POYE'S USE
23 BECAUSE YOU KNEW YOU WERE NOT GOING TO FIND ASBESTOS IN
24 MS. WEIRICK'S BOTTLE?

25 A NO. WE DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING UNTIL WE DID THE
26 TEM ANALYSIS. AFTER WE SAW THE TEM ANALYSIS, WE KNOW
27 THOSE CONCENTRATIONS. THE PLM METHOD IS NOT APPROPRIATE
28 TO DO AN EVALUATION FOR THESE TYPES OF PRODUCTS.

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